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| 10 | UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (San Francisco) | | | | |
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| 13 | THRESSA WALKER et al., | No. 10-CV-04668 RS | | | |
| 14 | Plaintiffs, | REVISED STIPULATION AND | | | |
| 15 | v. | CASE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULING ORDER | | | |
| 16 | COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA et al., | ORDER | | | |
| 17 | Defendants. | | | | |
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| 19 | The parties stipulate and agree to an order | modifying the Case Management Scheduling | | | |
| 20 | Order to allow preparation for and participation in a third mediation session presently scheduled for | | | | |
| 21 | October 11, 2012. This is a second request to modify the initial Case Management Scheduling | | | | |
| 22 | Order. If this third mediation session is unsuccessful in resolving the claims of Plaintiffs Geeta | | | | |
| 23 | Singh, M.D. ("Singh") and/or Kai Ihnken, M.D. ("Ihnken"), the parties are respectfully requesting | | | | |
| 24 | additional time to complete extensive discovery, file dispositive motions, and otherwise prepare for | | | | |
| 25 | trial. | | | | |
| 26 | The respective parties believe good cause e | exists for further modifying the Case Management | | | |
| 27 | Scheduling Order. There has been a concerted effort to avoid expensive, time-consuming discovery | | | | |
| 28 | and instead focus on the prospect of settlement. T | he parties participated in a private mediation | | | |

session with Attorney Charles F. Hawkins on February 27 and 28, 2012, and made significant progress toward negotiating a resolution. At the initial Case Management Conference before Judge Richard Seeborg on March 22, 2012, the parties advised there was a strong interest in pursuing a further mediation session with Mr. Hawkins. That further session occurred on May 2, 2012, which served to resolve the claims of Plaintiff Thressa Walker, but not the claims of Singh and Ihnken.

As of the second Case Management Conference held on July 19, 2012, the parties continued to privately converse with Mr. Hawkins, but did not anticipate any further mediation session. The parties had re-engaged in written and deposition discovery, and respectfully requested that the Court consider extending for a short time discovery and dispositive motion-related dates in its initial Case Management Scheduling Order dated March 23, 2012. After meeting and conferring, the parties believed that necessary non-expert discovery would require approximately five months to complete, and therefore requested that non-expert discovery close on December 28, 2012, expert discovery take place during January/February 2013, and dispositive motions be heard by March 7, 2013. There was no request to change the trial date of May 13, 2013. The Court favorably considered this request and issued its second Case Management Scheduling Order on July 20, 2012.

Following July 20, 2012, and while engaged in written and deposition discovery, Singh and Ihnken communicated lowered settlement demands signed by the respective Plaintiffs. These lowered demands encouraged the County Defendants to return to the bargaining table and agree to participate in a further mediation session with Mr. Hawkins. Unfortunately, the parties are unable to secure a mediation date with Mr. Hawkins before he leaves for a European vacation on August 28, and he is not scheduled to return until September 24, 2012. Thus far, Mr. Hawkins has expended over 40 hours in two mediation sessions and in numerous telephone conferences. As the Court can well appreciate, the parties have invested considerable time and money in the skilled efforts of Mr. Hawkins and do not wish to retain an alternate mediator. And, at present the first available date for mediation following Mr. Hawkins's return is October 11, 2012.

In the event the Court favorably considers this request to further modify the Case

Management Scheduling Order, the parties intend to enter into a "Stand-Still" agreement respecting

discovery until completion of this third mediation session. Such an agreement will avoid Plaintiffs

incurring further attorneys' fees and avoid the County further depleting its self-insured insurance retention.

Another factor weighing in favor of approving this proposed modification is that the parties already have trials scheduled with one another for April 29, 2013 (*Burrell, et al. v. County of Santa Clara*, Case No. CV11-04569 LHK, before United States District Judge Lucy H. Koh) and May 6, 2013 (*Song, et al. v. County of Santa Clara*, Case No. CV11-04450 EJD before United States District Judge Edward J. Davila), and if either of these cases proceed to trial this case will likely be continued to a later date.

The following provides the Court with the pertinent dates respecting the initial and second Case Management Scheduling Orders, and what the parties now propose:

| 1 Event | N | Initial Case Management eduling Order | Second Case Management Scheduling Order | Proposed Case Management Scheduling Order |
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| Further Case Mana Conference | agement | 07/19/12 | 10/25/12 | Nov./Dec. 2012 November 8, 2012 |
| Complete Non-Exp Discovery | pert | 10/26/12 | 12/28/12 | 05/17/13 |
| 6 Plaintiffs' Expert Disclosure | | 11/15/12 | 01/17/13 | 06/07/13 |
| Defendants' Exper Disclosure | t | 11/30/12 | 02/01/13 | 06/28/13 |
| Complete Expert Discovery | | 12/21/12 | 02/22/13 | 07/19/13 |
| Last Date to Hear Motions | Pretrial | 02/21/13 | 03/07/13 | 09/19/13 |
| Pretrial Statements | 3 | 04/18/13 | 04/18/13 | 11/14/13 |
| Pretrial Conference | e | 04/25/13 | 04/25/13 | 11/21/13 |
| Trial Date | | 05/13/13 | 05/13/13 | 12/09/13 |
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| 1 | I hereby attest that I have on file all holograph signatures for any signatures indicated by a | | | | |
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| 19 | -{PROPOSED} ORDER | | | | |
| 20 | IT IS SO ORDERED that dates and deadlines set forth in the initial Case Management | | | | |
| 21 | Scheduling Order dated March 23, 2012 and the second (supplemental) Case Management | | | | |
| 22 | Scheduling Order dated July 20, 2012 are vacated, and new dates and deadlines will be set forth in a | | | | |
| 23 | third Case Management Scheduling Order issued shortly hereafter | | | | |
| 24 | Dated: 8/21/12 | PICHARD SEEDORG | | | |
| 25 | | RICHARD SEEBORG United States District Court Judge | | | |
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